



The Correspondent

Monthly Newsletter / November 2025

WEEKLY CHURCH SERVICES*

Saturdays: 5 pm
Sundays: 8 am & 10 am

5 pm & 10 am services will be live-streamed

WEEKLY CAMPUS SCHEDULE*

Weekday Mass: Wednesdays 11 am (Chapel)
Grief Group: Following Wednesday Mass
Food Pantry: Mondays & Wednesdays 10-12
Thrift Shop: Wednesdays, Thursdays,
Saturdays 10 am-2 pm
AA meetings: Mondays 7 pm
Thursdays 10 am & 7 pm
Sundays 7:30 pm
Choir Practice 1st Tuesday 1 pm
All other Tuesdays 6:45 pm
Men's Group Tuesdays 8 am Breakfast

MONTHLY SCHEDULE*

Family Service First Sunday (Oct-June)
Senior Lunch November 18th
Vestry Meeting Second Monday
Pizza Supper Third Saturday

**check our website for details, changes, and updates
www.saint-anns.org*

Saint Ann's Vestry **Wardens**

Randy Schultz (2027)
Roma Busch (2026)

Members

Ray Busch (2028)
Joe Castelli (2027)
Laurin Clemens (2028)
Kaitlyn Crevoiserat (2026)
Don Hester (2026)
Pat Osarchuk (2026)
Rich Maddox (2027)
Carol Ann St. Lawrence (2027)
Laura Sanchez (2026)

Linda Maddox, clerk of the Vestry

Important Dates:

Nov. 1 Change clocks before you sleep
Nov. 2 Family Service
Nov. 2 Stewardship Commitment Sunday
Nov. 7 Parish preview of the Christmas Fair
7-8:30 pm with music review, wine and cheese
Nov. 8 Holiday Fair – 10 am to 3 pm
Nov. 12 Veterans Day observed at the Wednesday Service
Nov. 15 Evening prayer led by Marge Rogers (pizza following)
Nov. 18 Senior Luncheon – please bring a donation to the food pantry
Nov. 25-28 Office closed
Nov. 26 Thanksgiving service in the Church (livestreamed)
Nov. 28 Outdoor Tree Lighting with carols & hot chocolate
Nov. 29 Christmas Tree Lot opens
Dec. 5 Family Film Night
Dec. 6 An Advent Service of Lessons and Carols 5 pm
Dec. 7 Family Service
Dec. 9 Blood Drive



School Supply drive in September

Communion where you live

If you are unable to attend church,
regardless of the duration, and would like a Lay
Eucharistic visitor to bring communion to you
at home or in a facility,
please call the church office,
Father Ben or Deacon Susan to schedule a visit.

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Companions-in-Christ: A Word from the Priest in Charge



Dear Saint Ann's and Fire Island Ministries Family and Friends,

P.C. My beloved Family and Friends, this November includes our 2026 commitment to Stewardship and Pledging, a time when the members of our active and vibrant faith and bi-vocational community discern the giving of their time, talents and treasures. In concert with an ongoing Capital Campaign to preserve and restore our Historic Tower and relocate our Baptismal Font, (e.g., no longer a will there be a Baptismal font on wheels/castors), led by Vestry members Rich Maddox and Laurin Clemens, we are all being asked to donate more than is customary to ensure the stability of our Church and to cement our legacy as a

spiritual home for the greater Sayville community. We are being invited to freely offer more than is customary in a world fraught with social and political tensions, a world that spins onward with much uncertainty and complexity, and some tangible and unforeseen economic insecurity.

We are all being called to respond to this moment in history, to solidify our spiritual home, to augment and buttress our outreach efforts, to move beyond our aging grounds and buildings, to provide corporal and spiritual works of mercy for countless others, an Episcopalian faith-community with unstoppable reach. Our Stewardship and Pledging, promises fit seamlessly into our program year goals of letting mutual love and mutual respect continue, to dialogue with all our neighbors. These are not just our goals, but the goals Jesus set forth by His Gospel of good news.

The success of Saint Ann's and Fire Island Ministries depends on the following sources of funding, which directly and indirectly impact our 2026 Budget.

2026 Stewardship and Pledging

- **What it is:** The practice of raising funds for Saint Ann's and Fire Island Ministries ongoing, day-to-day operations.
- **Purpose:** To cover immediate and unrestricted costs like salaries, rent, utilities, and program expenses.
- **Timeframe:** Ongoing, with funds used in the same year they are raised.
- **Analogy:** A nonprofit's checking account for immediate needs.

Capital Campaign for the Historic Tower Preservation and Restoration and Relocation of the Baptismal Font into the Chancel

- **What it is:** A concentrated and intensive fundraising effort led by Rich Maddox and Laurin Clemens, with the assistance of our liaisons at Carter Global, over a defined period to raise a large sum of money for a specific project.
- **Purpose:** To fund major, long-term needs such as a new building, renovations, or the establishment of an endowment.
- **Timeframe:** A specific, limited period, often lasting one to five years.
- **Analogy:** A special, temporary fundraising drive for a specific, large purchase.

Saint Ann's and Fire Island Ministries Endowments

- **What it is:** Permanent restricted and unrestricted monies where the principal is invested and not spent, with the investment income used to support Saint Ann's and Fire Island Ministries.
- **Purpose:** To provide a stable, ongoing source of long-term funding for the organization's stability and future generations.
- **Timeframe:** Permanent restricted and unrestricted funds, with the principal remaining intact.
- **Analogy:** A long-term investment account.

Finally, I would also like to address a more a personal matter that pertains to our identities as Christians. For little over a month, Willy and I were separated while he completed some major steps in his citizenship process.

While we had the opportunity to work with a lawyer, and our former congresswoman from Queens, so many others seeking legal citizenship in the United States do not have access to these types of resources. In El Salvador, Willy was able to reconnect with his mother and sister, and other family and friends for the first time in 10+ years. It is truly mesmerizing that in 2025 so many like Willy and me need to feel and encounter the pain of a forced family separation. For us, the story ended with Willy's return, for too many others, the separation never ends.

Let us pray from the Episcopal Church's Litany for Social Justice, found at the official website of the Episcopal Church (www.episcopalchurch.org).

Let us pray: God commands us through Jesus Christ to love one another. In baptism, we promise to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves and to strive for justice and peace, and respect the dignity of every human being. Let us now honor those vows and pray for our nation in this election season, for wise and just leaders, and for the needs of others throughout our country and the world.

We pray for continued blessings on all peacemakers, on leaders who value peace, and on everyone who promotes nonviolent solutions to conflict. We pray for a speedy end to all violence and warfare around the world.

God of peace and gentleness,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the strength of heart and mind to look beyond ourselves and address the needs of our siblings throughout the world; for the rural and urban poor; for the rebuilding of our communities; and for an end to the cycles of violence that threaten our future.

God of generosity and compassion,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all nations, that they may live in unity, peace, and concord; and that all people may know justice and enjoy the perfect freedom that only God can give.

God of liberty and freedom,

Hear our prayer.

We pray that the Holy Spirit may embrace the most vulnerable members of our society; we pray also for an end to the growing disparity between the rich and poor; and for the grace and courage to strive for economic justice.

God of all gifts and blessings,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for an end to prejudice throughout our country and the world; that we will respect all people as precious children of God; and that racism, sexism, and all other forms of discrimination will be forever banished from our hearts, our society, and our laws.

God of fellowship and equality,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for a reverence of creation; that we will have the tools and the will to conserve it; that we will use its bountiful resources in the service of others; and that we will become better stewards of all that has been entrusted to us.

God of nature and the universe,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all immigrants, refugees, and pilgrims from around the world, that they may be welcomed in our midst and be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect.

God of outcasts and wanderers,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the sick, the aged and the infirm; for those with physical or mental disabilities; that all may have access to proper health care; and that God's loving embrace may be felt by all who suffer.

God of comfort and healing,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all prisoners and captives; that a spirit of forgiveness may replace vengeance and retribution; and that we, with all the destitute, lonely, and oppressed, may be restored to the fullness of God's grace.

God of absolution and mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all children and families, and particularly for the orphaned, neglected, abused, and those who live in fear of violence or disease; that they may be relieved and protected.

God of children and families,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the reconciliation of all people, and for the Church throughout the world, that it may be an instrument of your healing love.

God of outreach and restoration,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who have died as a result of violence, war, disease or famine, especially those who died because of human blindness, neglect, or hardness of heart.

God of eternal life and resurrecting love,

Hear our prayer.

Almighty God, you have promised to hear what we ask in the name of your Son. Watch over our country now and in the days ahead, guide our leaders and all who will vote, guide them in all knowledge and truth and make your ways known among all people. In the passion of debate give them a quiet spirit; in the complexities of the issues give them courageous hearts. Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us pray for all the departed, those we lost recently, this year or in years past. As we prepare for Advent, let us contemplate the arrival of the infant Jesus, and consider just what the anticipation of the birth of our redeemer and savior means for us at Saint Ann's and Fire Island Ministries.

With gratitude and in prayer,

Fr. Ben



The Saint Ann's Thrift Shop Sign returns to use, come check it out!

Some thoughts from your Deacon...



"Always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 5:20

Giving thanks. It's a small term and one that is used so frequently this time of year. We give thanks for family and friends; for all the goodness that has graced our lives. We give thanks for the ability to reach out a hand to help another. We give thanks for pets and homes and vacations and the ways we spend our work time and our leisure time. As I write this, we are awaiting a nor'easter...I'd venture to say that some of you have given thanks that your home and property was spared damage from the storm.

Giving thanks is wonderful...gratitude is the attitude. It feels good. Who has given us the ability to give thanks? That's easy, it's Jesus. "I suffered alone on the cross so that you would never have to be alone in your struggles. I am always with you." That is an awesome promise and He is a man of his word...

As we **give** thanks for our blessings, let's try to speak, not just with words, but with actions. Jesus's action was to **give** his life for us. What can we give? What time, talent, and treasure has God given us to share? Because that's really what it's all about, sharing. Do you have an hour or two to volunteer to any of the wonderful ministries we have here at St. Ann's? Altar Guild, Ushers, Lay Readers, Choir, the Thrift Shop, the upcoming Christmas Fair and Christmas Tree lot, the Senior Luncheons...so many opportunities to give of your time. How about talent? While you may think that your gift is one no one can use, I assure you...we can! Treasure is last, but never least. Our beautiful St. Ann's is showing some signs of wear and we need to help restore some of her parts. Most notable is the Bell Tower; can you help with the restoration project? Let us go forth into this glorious season in the sure knowledge that we will always receive far more than we give!

with loving blessings,
Deacon Susan

To Remember:

November 18th - Senior Luncheon beginning with Holy Eucharist at 11:15 in St. Barnabas Chapel; please bring a donation for the Food Pantry.

Students in need of Community Service Hours- we will be setting up dates for raking leaves at the homes of some of our parishioners.

Thanksgiving Food Drive & Turkey Donations:

We will be collecting items for our Thanksgiving Food Baskets. Tags can be found in the Parish Hall, but you don't need a tag to assist in this wonderful ministry. We need turkeys, Stovetop stuffing, instant potatoes, canned yams, green beans, corn, corn muffin mix and gravy.

Many thanks in advance for your assistance!

For more information contact Deacon Susan 631-589-6522 ext 103 or dcnsusan@saint-anns.org

VESTRY VISIONS

The leaves are changing and the mornings are getting cooler; we have rolled into fall. The month of November always gives me a cozy feeling – in our home it means heartier meals and the smell of apple pie baking. It's also the beginning of the holiday season with lots of things on our St. Ann's calendar.

Thanksgiving is a holiday of reflection; what we are all thankful for, collectively and personally. Here at St. Ann's we can be thankful for our faithful congregation and all its accomplishments over the past year, with God's help. The addition of ARC on our campus and our bi-vocational ministry partner comes to mind; not to mention the tremendous success of our Thrift Shop and the expansion of our food pantry. Three beautiful ways for St. Ann's to reach out and serve not only our community but also neighboring communities. We've also had the addition of *Family Movie Nights* with wholesome movies and fun activities for the kids. The Fall Fish Fry was very well attended as was our St. Ann's Fall Festival back in September.

With these great events behind us, let's not forget our annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, November 8th from 10 am to 3 pm with Raffle Prizes, 50/50, along with food and music! There will also be a *Wine & Cheese Raffle Preview* held exclusively for Saint Ann's and Fire Island Ministries members on Friday, November 7th from 7 pm to 8:30 pm. Please join us for fun and fellowship and an opportunity to review the raffle baskets.

Let us remember that Advent this year begins on Sunday, November 30th. This date marks the start of the liturgical season when we prepare for the coming of Jesus and search for the true meaning of Christmas. Community service is a great way to usher in the Advent season.

The Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 29th is the Christmas tree delivery day. If you can find some time, please come down to help unload the trees and set the lot up. Many hands make light work! We have been blessed every year with a huge turnout for this event. People come from far and near to get the "best tree." If you can lend a hand, please be sure to contact Christine Cesarino at 631.375.5453 or via email on ccesarino83@gmail.com.

Important dates to remember:

November 2, Stewardship Commitment Sunday and FALL BACK TIME

November 7, Christmas Fair Preview 7-8:30pm with music review, wine and cheese

November 8, Christmas Fair

November 18, Senior Luncheon

November 23, First Intentional Communion and Thanksgiving Food Baskets

November 28, 7pm campus Christmas Tree lighting with carols and hot chocolate

November 29, Christmas Tree Lot - Trees Delivered – help needed

Praying for a happy, healthy and safe holiday season for all!

Respectfully submitted,

Roma Busch

for the Vestry

Stewardship - Giving Thanks for God's Blessings- In Multiple Ways!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

As individuals, and as a Parish, we have so much to be thankful for in this past year. I pray that we all have been spiritually moved by the refreshing changes that have transformed our Body of Christ to more appropriately reflect God's beauty, mercy, presence and Love.

For starters, we embraced modern, uniform lighting and enhanced sound system in our historic Church with updated livestreaming capability. Our grounds are welcoming, with new signage and outdoor lighting to provide safety and security on both sides of Middle Road.

This year, we welcomed The People's ARC as an outreach ministry partner, for whom we are grateful for their work in equipping folks with disabilities for the workforce so they may reach their full potential, and for their assistance in supporting our expanding Food Pantry ministry which is now open both Mondays and Wednesdays 10-12. Our recently refloored Thrift Shop nurtured by the enthusiasm of Linda Maddox and Cindy Reinsert provides a shopping experience that rivals Macy's (at a fraction of the price) and welcomes both our growing population of customers in need and new volunteers (you!) willing to help out.

Who can forget the spirituality and fellowship offered by our Lenten Soup Suppers, St. Barnabas Day, "St. Ann's at Cherry Grove", the top notch Fall Festival Weekend (with CM's "Journey of the Cross and Crucifixion"), and our superb Fish Fry, all which offered opportunities for the Community to experience the joy and love which we share with each other! The Art Show last month deserves honorable mention, too!

And, it is only November- next weekend, we do it again—our umptieth annual Christmas Fair with a "Parishioners Only" Wine and Cheese Friday Night, November 7 and the festive Fair Day experience on November 8...We welcome the Community again for Christmas Tree Lighting on the Great Lawn November 28 with seven hundred sixteen Christmas Trees arriving November 29.... In December, Creative Ministries returns with a new production, "Behold the Moment!" Throw in those wonderful Senior Luncheons, Movie Nights, Coffee Hours and weekly Men's Group meetings on Tuesdays, and we certainly offer opportunities to live it up!

At worship, we have been honored to welcome so many new young Christians throughout the year at baptisms, the Wednesday Mass and Healing Service became a reality in May, our nascent Sunday School ministry nurtured by Kaitlyn Crevoiserat and Deacon Susan became regularized this Fall, and we adults have enjoyed presentations at the May Vestry Forum, in September by Deacon Frederico on Food for the Poor, Christine Schiebler on Elder law, and Officer Vincent Maio on Senior Safety. Our homebound have received communion and pastoral care visitations following Sunday services with Deacon Susan and others.

In this season of gratitude, I thank you for having returned your Stewardship Intent card for 2026 on or before Commitment Sunday, November 2. If you haven't returned the card which was mailed in late October, I pray that the many opportunities we have shared recently in worship, fellowship, outreach, and spirituality have moved all of us in our faith journey to experience God's reconciling love so that our Thanks Giving Love offering mirrors our journey in Faith.

As we prepare our pledge, may we also consider an amount above and beyond for the **Bell Tower Restoration Capital Campaign** which is launching this month. You may know that the Tower has experienced extensive

porosity during severe rainstorms, with rainwater pooling and collecting inside the beautifully restored Sacristy. A team of tradesmen experienced in historic Church stonework guided by a scope of work prepared by our architect and nurtured by our Buildings and Grounds Committee will be scheduling work in the Spring to address deterioration in the stonework, roof flashing, louvers and drainage system. As part of the process, the craftsmen may remove existing mortar and repoint with new lime-based mortar that is breathable. Once completed, the stone tower surfaces would be sealed, again with a breathable penetrating sealer that creates a water barrier from within the stone. Where necessary, the window frames will be sealed to prevent moisture infiltration.

Consider that the bell tower symbolizes the spiritual presence and message of our Body of Christ, its elevated structure calling the faithful to worship, announcing services, and serving as a visible landmark for navigation. Beyond gathering people, the ringing bell serves to purify spaces, ward off negativity, and help focus the mind on spiritual matters by marking times of prayer or signifying moments of transition. I pray that we will be enthused as this project commences and take spiritual and financial ownership as the campaign launches...

As a separate project to be completed at the same time for cost savings, the baptismal font will be permanently positioned near the pipe organ, with structural reinforcement in the undercroft to support the weight. This project of spiritual significance would be funded separately.

Again, Thank you! I trust that as we reflect fondly on the past, we can envision a future together whereby each of us can be Christ's Light in this World, offering hope, mercy, forgiveness, joy, and most of all, His Love to so many who need it.

Yours in Christ,
Randy Schultz
Stewardship Chair

Volunteers Wanted for People's Arc Dances

People's Arc of Suffolk is always looking for volunteers to help at our monthly dances. The dances run from 7-9 pm but you should arrive between 6 and 6:30 pm. The assistance would consist of helping to set up, prepare snacks, assist with clean-up at the end of the night and then just help where needed during the dance along with chatting with the people attending and having fun during the dance.

The remaining 2025 Dance Dates:

November 21st

December 12th

The dances are held at 2900 Veteran's Memorial Highway, Bohemia

Please reach out to **Doriann Adams (DAdams@suffahrc.org)** if you have any questions and to confirm your volunteer attendance.



In the News

Parish news and a round-up of items announced in emails and at weekend services.

Send stories and/or photos for The Correspondent to correspondent@saint-anns.org by the 3rd Friday of each month.

Please submit announcements to the office by Wednesday each week.

Called to the Lord: **Edith Louise Richards, and Harry Palmer VanderBorgh**. May all those who have passed from this life, find peace in heaven and may their loved ones on earth be comforted by cherished memories.

If you would like to help us prepare for the November **Thanksgiving Baskets**, please contact Fr. Ben, Deacon Susan or Liz, our Social Work Intern.

THANK YOU: to **Diane M. and Marie W.** who made our annual event with Claws an all-you-can-eat-fishy-success. We had over 100 guests in attendance!

We need individuals and families to sign up for the **Sunday Coffee Hour**. The list is in the Parish Hall. Thanks!

The People's Arc is now helping with our **Food Pantry Ministry**. This has enabled us to open an extra day. We are now open on Mondays & Wednesdays from 10 am to noon. Donations placed in the little red wagon in the parish hall are always appreciated.

Our website now has a **calendar of events** to review. Check it out: <https://www.saint-anns.org/>

Calling all bakers!! The fair is fast approaching. It's not too early to decide what to bake. Please bring your resulting delicious donations on Saturday morning, November 8th between 9 and 10 am. Thanking you all in advance.

Knitters from Saint Ann's have sent 15 hats, 37 scarves and 4 hat and scarf sets to the **Seamen's Church Institute 2025 Christmas at Sea for Mariners program**. If you would like to help with this project, please call the Church Office for patterns and additional information.

Wednesday services, at 11 am in our Saint Barnabas Chapel, includes **Anointing of the Sick and Eucharist**. It is followed by the **Grief Group**. Through pastoral counseling, many will receive the graces they need to find God in all things, and to begin to find in others a community of love and mutual support.

The Saint Ann's Tree of Life/Wall of Remembrance, located outside the Chapel, is a great way to acknowledge a loved one, friend, neighbor or colleague. For more information call us at the Parish Administration Offices.

Saint Ann's seeks members for the **Altar Guild** and a **Counter** to join our volunteers who account for our stewardship, tithing: various offerings and plate giving. Please contact Lynne at the Parish Office if you would like to learn more about how to get involved, her email is office@saint-anns.org.

Save the date:

January 18, Following 10am Service, 160th Parish Annual Meeting

Holiday Fair

**The St. Ann's Holiday Fair will be held on
Saturday, November 8th.
Doors open at 10:00 am and close at 3:00 pm.**

**A Wine & Cheese Raffle Preview will be held
exclusively for Parishioners on Friday, November
7th from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Please join is for
fun and fellowship, have a wine some cheese and
review the raffle baskets in a relaxed format.**

**In addition to the raffle tickets you received via
mail, there will be volunteers selling tickets
during coffee hour after the Sunday morning
services.**

**If you would like additional raffle tickets to
distribute/sell to friends, please see Father Ben
or contact Lynne in the Parish Office
631-589-6522.**

Looking forward to a great event!!!!

The first annual **St. Ann's Fall festival** was held on a gorgeously warm Saturday, September 20, 2025 from 11 am to 3 pm. Earlier in the week, the snow fencing normally used for the November St. Ann's Christmas tree event was put up to provide safety and boundary for the Fall Festival. The festival was organized by St. Ann's Parish and Greater Sayville Chamber of Commerce, to bring together communities of Bayport, Sayville, Oakdale in context with St. Ann's ministries. **It included The People's ARC and other groups such as St. Ann's Thrift Shop, Bayport Flower House, Catbird Seat, a petting zoo and pumpkin patch sponsored by Raynor & D'Andrea Funeral Homes.** Along with these groups and businesses were many individual vendors selling knitted goods, wine, jewelry, books. Food and drink were provided by Flo's Food Truck and by Mr. Softee Ice Cream truck.

The **petting zoo** was a big hit among the children and families, with friendly goats and llamas eagerly waiting to be fed before allowing themselves to be petted. There were silky chickens, a bunny and some ducks nearby. A local 3-person band contributed cheerful music throughout the festival, with many attendees sitting down to listen. It is hoped by St. Ann's parish and Greater Sayville Chamber of Commerce for this to be an eagerly anticipated annual weekend event celebrating beautiful autumn weather and community of people, families, merchants and ministries.



Fall Festival



The famous and eagerly awaited all-you-can-eat St. Ann's **Fish Fry** was held on Sunday, October 5, 2025 to a happy and hungry crowd of 107 people of all ages. Opening time was 5:00 pm with lines of people waiting outside on a not-too-cold October evening. **Delicious food was supplied by Claws of Sayville**, with Claws friendly staff setting up portable fryers right outside the Parish Hall door, ensuring that all food was fresh and hot and carried safely to the parish hall buffet station. Fish Fry fans dined on fresh breaded cod, clam strips, delicious jumbo shrimp. Non fish offerings were equally tasty and included sweet plantains, hush puppies, French fries. Cold macaroni and potato salads were very refreshing additions to this fall Sunday supper. Drinks were provided and included water, soda, beer and wine.

Light Oompa music was provided by bandmates **Joe Desiderio** on keyboard and **Rick Magnani** on saxophone. Many people arrived early, tables in both upper and lower parish halls filled up fast but there was always space for everyone. Most tickets were sold well ahead of time as pre-sales and there were some tickets allowed for walk ins.

Marie Wipper and Diane Miller-Magnani were the chairs for this very busy event and did a fantastic job of arranging for setting up of chairs/tables, purchasing bright nautical blue tablecloths, and twinkle-light decorations. Many people pitched in at the end to help cleanup. Here's hoping for another Fish Fry next year!

FISH FRY





A typical Family Breakfast following a Family Service



**A BEAUTIFUL DAY FOR AN
OUTDOOR SERVICE AND THE
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS.**



Did You Know...

Did you know that **Elizabeth Madigan** is a dedicated and compassionate individual who has chosen to devote her time and energy to serving others through the field of social work? As a social work intern, Elizabeth is deeply committed to upholding the values of dignity, service, and respect for every individual. She demonstrates these qualities daily through her empathy, active listening, and ability to meet people where they are in their life journey. With a genuine concern for the well-being of others, she brings both warmth and professionalism to her role.

Elizabeth will be serving the St. Ann's Parish community as a social work intern until May 2026. In this role, she looks forward to fostering meaningful connections, supporting those in need, and engaging in work that strengthens individuals, families, and the broader community. True to the social work profession, she values human relationships, strives for equity and fairness, and approaches her work with integrity and a strong sense of responsibility.

Outside of her professional aspirations, Elizabeth values balance and personal growth. She enjoys spending time in reflection, connecting with family and friends, and participating in activities that nurture her spirit. She is eager to continue learning and contributing at St. Ann's, carrying with her a deep respect for the community and its mission.

Welcome Elizabeth and thank you for your service to our community! She's helping with The Correspondent too!

**Find us on Instagram: [saint_anns_sayville_new_york](#) and Facebook:
St. Ann's Episcopal Church, Sayville, NY**

**Thank you to the following merchants for their advance support of our upcoming
Holiday Fair on November 8, 2025. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!**

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THANK YOU!



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Alex, Ann, Beth, Bob, Carrie, Cathy, Chris, Christine, Colleen, David, Debi, Diana, Ellen, Eileen, Erin, Florence, Gary, Germaine, Gerry, Gladys, Hap, Harry, Heather, Jean, Jerry, Jim, Kathy, Ken, Kyle, Laney, Lauren, Linda, Lisa, Lissy, Mary, Mikaela, Nancy, Paul, Rosemarie, Scott, Steven, Sue, Susan, Tina and Vicki.

Please submit the name(s) of a loved one going forward to the parish office, text PRAYER to 631-212-2320 to receive a link for making prayer requests, or submit the form on the Saint Anns website - saint-anns.org.

Use this link: <https://form.jotform.com/212086636121146>

November Anniversaries:

- 4 Jean & Nicholas Arena
- 21 Linda & Rich Maddox
- 27 Lynette & John Schulz



Mustard seed keychain craft

November Birthdays:



- 3 Lucian Hagenlocher
- 5 Mary Clark
- 5 Kathleen Krakaur
- 6 Bo Messina
- 7 Steven Vander Borgh
- 8 Don Baker
- 17 Barbara Stahlberg
- 19 Zachary Schultz
- 21 Patricia Romeo
- 24 Tim Laffin
- 27 Susan Knoepffler
- 27 Marjorie Rogers
- 28 Cara Clark
- 29 Cathy Baker
- 29 Dennis Messina

**CONGRATULATIONS to
Amy & Lisa Ann Schmidlin**
Who celebrated their
9th Anniversary on October 28th.
Sorry we missed it in the October issue.

Play it Again, Sam

I imagine myself sitting, glass in hand, at Rick's Place. You know, that smoke filled joint in Casablanca, feeling depressed because I see that dame who just walked back into my life after all these years. But in reality, I'm actually at my kitchen table sipping some lukewarm tea and munching on a pie shaped wedge from yesterday's quiche. I'm staring aimlessly at the cardboard box in front of me from Chewy – feeling depressed because I know what's in store for Nya (my K9 pal) and I as we walk the streets of Sayville this pre-holiday season. So, in response to this I say: Play my February Correspondent Cardboard article again, Sam! (or should that be, Joe?). If they can stand it, so can I!

Let's face it: Around this time of year many of us do our Christmas shopping online, which means the number of boxes we collect increases substantially. And although it's important to put these boxes out with the paper recycled trash year-round, it's especially important around the Christmas holidays because of the volume of cardboard we collect. Cardboard, when put out on our paper recycling days, is processed differently than our regular trash. No, paper and regular trash don't end up in the same place. Once again, they're processed differently.

So, what happens to the boxes when we throw them into the regular trash? They end up getting burnt with our regular garbage in a Waste to Energy Plant. These plants use the heat generated by the garbage to turn water into steam. This steam is then used to turn a turbine, which rotates a generator to produce electricity. On the other hand, when we combine our corrugated boxes with our recycled paper trash, it all gets baled and sent to a papermill. Here the papermill uses a process which reconstitutes the paper trash into huge rolls of new paper, which can then be used to make all kinds of paper products - including corrugated boxes!

There's a great resource from the town of Islip (Google: Town of Islip Waste and Disposal Guide PDF). It's a downloadable twenty-page document which explains how to dispose of 157 (and I counted them!) common and not so common items. Basically, everything from the kitchen sink (literally!) to various types of batteries, and even horse manure (Ugh!). It also states that you can put out un-corrugated clean cardboard boxes (shoe boxes, gift boxes, cereal boxes, and pasta boxes, etc.) with your recycled paper trash (but please, no pizza boxes stained with oil!). And you can also recycle plastic coated cardboard and boxes with attached cellophane. That gets removed at the papermill during the process that turns the recycled paper into those giant, new paper rolls. So, what are you waiting for?

In closing, ("As Time Goes By") if we can all do a better job recycling our cardboard, I think I would say (in the spirit of "Bogie"): "Nya, I think this will be the beginning of some beautiful walks together."

Here's looking at you, Kid!

Joe Castelli 😊

Please share your ideas... Marie Wipper at k2wipper@aol.com subject: Creation Care



2025 ARTS EXHIBITION

SATURDAY OCTOBER 18, 2025



Thanks to the co-chairs: Kathy S., Lisa C., & Joan S.
And thanks to all the participants.
We have a very talented parish.



Looking for a Ministry Partner

This new section of our newsletter is where people from Saint Ann's or the greater Saint Ann's community can post their needs for help. Readers will have the opportunity to respond and assist the needs of others through corporal and spiritual works of mercy to ease the burden of other human beings. These could be volunteer or paid positions.

Nourish Babylon at Christ Episcopal Church:

Nourish Babylon serves a weekly community meal for the elderly, disabled and disadvantaged guests in a fine-dining restaurant style experience with an atmosphere of kindness and dignity.

They are looking for volunteers to help with meal prep, dining room set up, cooking, serving, cleaning and to Meet & Greet Guests.

Dinner is served every Monday night from 5PM - 6:30PM, located at Christ Episcopal Church 12 Prospect Street in Babylon.

For more information, please contact **Anne Balfour** at **annebalfour.nourishbabylon@gmail.com** or **631-661-5757**

If you or someone you know has a need for help – however small or large, please allow us to post it on this new page. Examples of things we could post: read to me for an hour, play a musical instrument & sing with me, pray with me, give me a ride to church or the store.

Please send your requests for help to Eileen Moran via correspondent@saint-anns.org

Knitters from Saint Ann's have sent 15 hats, 37 scarves and 4 hat and scarf sets to the **Seamen's Church Institute 2025 Christmas at Sea for Mariners program**. If you would like to help with this project, please call the Church Office for patterns and additional information.

View from Behind the Pole



Choir practice in the church runs September through June. On the first Tuesday of each month, we practice at 1 pm, all other Tuesdays we practice at 6:45 pm.

If you have any questions, you can call Kathy Senese at the church office or email her at music@saint-anns.org

Lessons & Carols

An Advent Service of Lessons and Carols will be on
Saturday, **December 6** at the 5pm service.

Followed by a reception.

All are welcome!

Daughters of the King Celebrating 25 years!



Thank you for your service!

Thank you to the Pines Pantry!

Eric of the Pines Pantry: We cannot thank you enough for your generous dropping off of foodstuffs. We coordinated an effort that will feed people at at least three food pantries, St. Paul Patchogue, St. Andrew Yaphank and Saint Ann's Sayville.



Veterans Honored

On October 4th we honored the last Civil War Veteran buried in Suffolk County, **Thomas Griffin**

& dedicated five new headstones:

Daniel Murdock, John R. Strickland, Charles H. Ressler who served in the Civil War.

George Rogerson & Benjamin Woodward who served in World War One.





Have your kids longed to see their photo or story in The Correspondent? Have you? There is a very easy fix: email me at correspondent@saint-anns.org. I am always looking for kids to feature in our Saint Ann's Stars page and people for our "Did You Know" page.

This is OUR newsletter so let's make it the best we can. Send your birthday & anniversary dates. Share your good news about births, baptisms, graduations, weddings, new jobs, awards or anything else you think the parish would enjoy reading about. Send a photo. Contribute a poem or short essay. Write your reaction to a sermon or a hymn.

Send ideas for Marie and Joe's Creation Corner: k2wipper@aol.com; subject "Creation Care".

Everything else should be emailed to correspondent@saint-anns.org.

Documents should be in **Microsoft Word format or as text in the email**.

Photos can take many formats but be sure to send them as "large files" or originals depending on your equipment. These options will produce the best printed photos.

Please observe deadline which is the **3rd Friday of each month**.

Eileen Moran

Deadline for the next issue:
Friday 11/21/25

Will you help?

We are in need of volunteers to support our **live stream ministry**, which nourishes the spiritual life of our parishioners who cannot make it to the Church for the service.

Please see Joe Castelli or Father Ben to learn more about this important ministry.

We are also looking for more Ushers, Lectors, Acolytes/Crucifers, Singers, Eucharistic Ministers, Coffee Hour hosts and Altar Guild members. Talk to Fr. Ben or Text the word SERVE to 631-212-2320 to sign up.

The Correspondent

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to spread the gospel of Christ in thought, word, and deed to our community and the world.



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